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Social Sector Schemes
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for social sector scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
(b) whether the funds have not been utilized fully for implementation of social sector scheme during the said period;
(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, scheme and State/UT-wise; and
(d) the action taken/being taken by the Government for utilization of funds to achieve the targets fixed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING
AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE
RAO INDERJIT SINGH

(a): The Allocation/releases for the major Social Sector Schemes (State/UT-wise) during 2012-13 to 2014-15 and for current year (up to 31st December, 2015) are given in Annexure

(b) to (d): The Social Sector Schemes are being implemented by the Administrative Ministries/ Departments concerned as per the guidelines of the individual schemes. The matter for effective implementation of the Social Sector Schemes inter alia was discussed in the first meeting of Governing Council of NITI Aayog held on 8th February, 2015. In pursuance of the decision taken in the meeting, a Sub-Group of Chief Ministers was constituted on 9th March, 2015 for rationalization of CSS (including Social Sector Schemes) with the Terms of Reference which include (i) To examine the existing CSSs and recommend measures for ensuring that their implementation is streamlined and adequately flexible; (ii) In light of the Finance Commission recommendations, the increased devolution of taxes to States and the higher revenue deficit grants to suggest reforms of the schemes which are being continued under CSS; (iii) To recommend appropriate measures for coordination between the Centre and the States and among the States for achieving the objectives of the schemes; and (iv) Any other measures related to the schemes to strengthen the national development agenda and ensure outcomes. Based on the extensive consultations with all the States/UTs and Central Ministries, the Report of the Sub-Group was finalized and submitted to the Hon'ble Prime Minister on October 27, 2015.